

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1005

April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$200,000.00 in funding for the “Prince Hall Masonic Lodge” in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Prince Hall Masonic Lodge of Georgia, located at 7340 Old National Hwy. Riverdale, Georgia 30296. The project location where funds will be used is 330 Auburn Ave. Atlanta, GA 30303.

The funds would be used to restore the building that was the original headquarters of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference office. Specifically, the funds will be used for restoration of the original headquarters and the following will have access to the space.

- The basement and first floor spaces previously occupied by Dr. King’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference office will be occupied by National Park Service for programming as an educational, community and event space.
- The second-floor space is under consideration by the Atlanta Police Historical Foundation for the establishment of a museum and educational facility.
- Additional second floor tenant spaces will be available for lease to local businesses.
- The third-floor space will be preserved for Prince Hall Masons’ activities

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the development program will benefit the immediate community and encourage the continued investment in the Historic National Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikema Williams", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Nikema Williams
Member of Congress